

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

1. WHEREAS, the inconsistent wireless telecommunication service throughout rural areas of the state provides for an erratic coverage area for rural customers; and

WHEREAS, to make available more dependable wireless telecommunication service to rural customers of this state, telecommunication service providers must have access to support aimed at providing such service to higher cost areas; and

WHEREAS, to enable wireless telecommunication providers to invest in infrastructure to better serve the rural customers of this state, the Missouri legislature seeks to more easily certify telecommunication service providers as eligible telecommunication carriers thereby subjecting those service providers to the universal service fund:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Third General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge the public service commission to adopt rules governing the application process by which telecommunication providers can be certified as "eligible telecommunications carriers" and who, in turn, can be subject to universal service fund support. The rules adopted by the Commission shall utilize the minimum requirements for eligibility adopted and published by the Federal Communications Commission, consistent with the recommendations of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service for eligibility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the members of the Public Service Commission.

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